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WHITEHORSE TRIATHLON CELEBRATES ITS 10th YEAR

In 1998, the City of Whitehorse held the first Triathlon event, appropriately called "What a Rush!" to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Klondike Gold Rush. The Annual Whitehorse Triathlon will be held this Sunday June 1, celebrating 10 years of Tri'in in the City and offering two exciting levels of competition for participants: Olympic and Sprint Distance categories.

Thirty-two individuals and teams are competing in the Olympic Distance event, which includes a 1500 m swim, 40 km cycle, and 10 km run. The Sprint Distance event has attracted forty-eight individuals and teams, and includes a 500 m swim, 20 km cycle and 5 km run. Mayor Bev Buckway congratulates all the racers who are competing in this year's event and encourages everyone to come out and cheer on the participants who have trained hard to get ready for the race. "It is wonderful to see the level of community participation in the Triathlon and to see how the race has grown and evolved over the past 10 years."

The 10th Annual Triathlon begins at 8:30am in the morning with swimming heats at the Whitehorse Lions Aquatic Centre, followed by the cycling and running components of the race, and finishing at the Canada Games Centre at approximately 2:00 p.m. Drivers are asked to pay attention to road signage and use extra caution along the race route, which follows Hamilton Blvd., Sumanik Drive and the South Alaska Highway.

Registration is now closed, but if you need further information, please contact Kathryn Zrum, Leisure Program Coordinator, at 668-8328.

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